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BUT I TELL YOU... IT WAS A *FLYING SAUCER!*

NONSENSE! BY THE WAY, WHERE IS EMILY?

GET READY FOR A SHOCK WHEN YOU FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS TO...

"EMILY!"

ON SALE MONTHLY

EMILY
NOBODY LOVED EMILY! SHE WAS A PLAIN, UNATTRACTIVE SPINSTER! AND YET...THERE CAME A TIME WHEN SHE SAT AT A PARTY, ALONE AS USUAL, BUT WITH A SECRET SMILE! WHAT DID SHE KNOW THAT THE OTHERS DIDN'T!
ALWAYS IN THE BACKGROUND, ALWAYS OVER-LOOKED AT SOCIAL EVENTS, NEVER THOUGHT OF AS A HUMAN BEING WHO WANTED LOVE AND AFFECTION...THAT WAS EMILY...
WHAT'S NEW EMILY?
TO FORGET HER UNHAPPINESS, AND FOR SOMETHING TO DO, SHE TOOK UP HOBBIES! FOR INSTANCE...
OH DORIS, I STARTED ANOTHER CHAIN LETTER TODAY!
WHAT, AGAIN? ANOTHER HOBBY, EMILY?
ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS ASK "WHAT'S NEW?" AND YOU'RE OFF AND RUNNING WITH A NEW HOBBY!
WELL, IT'S FUN!
A MAN IS MORE FUN, DAR_ING!
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HA! HA! THAT'S GOOD, ROSE!
YOU BETTER FIND SOMETHING MORE INTERESTING THAN HOBBIES TO TALK ABOUT IF YOU WANT TO GET A MAN, EMILY!
PEOPLE WERE CRUEL! IN FACT, THEY THOUGHT SHE WAS A LITTLE CRACKED AND WOULD DO ANYTHING TO GAIN ATTENTION!
HOW COULD THEY BE SO MEAN TO ME? I CAN'T HELP IT IF I AM WHAT I AM! OH, IF THERE WERE ONLY JUST ONE PERSON WHO'D LIKE ME... EVEN JUST A LITTLE BIT!
THEN, ONE DAY, EMILY FOUND SOMETHING ELSE TO OCCUPY HER! SHE BECAME INTERESTED IN...
FLYING SAUCERS! OH, NO, EMILY! DON'T TELL ME YOU TAKE THEM SERIOUSLY!
I'VE BEEN READING ALL ABOUT THEM! IT'S VERY INTERESTING!
THEY DO EXIST! I'VE READ ALL THE AUTHORITIES ...AND THERE'S NO PROOF THAT THEY DON'T EXIST!
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A FLYING SAUCER, EMILY?
WELL... N-NO...
THERE YOU ARE! HOW CAN YOU BELIEVE IN SOMETHING YOU CAN'T SEE?
WITH THE LAUGHTER AND RIDICULE RINGING IN HER EARS, EMILY RUSHED OUT OF THE PARTY AND INTO THE DARK STREETS..
HA! HA! HEE! HO! HO! HAAA!
I-I DON'T CARE WHAT THEY THINK! I BELIEVE IN THEM! I DO! I DO!
AND AS SHE SPOKE THOSE WORDS ALOUD, SHE SAW...
OH! OH, MY GOODNESS!
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IT..IT CAN'T BE WHAT I THINK IT IS! IT MUST BE A PLANE!
OH! WHEN I SAID THAT, IT... IT VANISHED! MAYBE... MAYBE IT IS A FLYING SAUCER!
THERE IT IS! IT'S BACK AGAIN! IT'S A FLYING SAUCER! I'VE SEEN ONE! I'VE SEEN ONE!
HEY! WHAT'S ALL THE HOLLERING HERE?
LOOK! A FLYING SAUCER!
HUH? YOU BETTER GO HOME AND SLEEP IT OFF!
BUT IT'S UP THERE! LOOK AT IT! IT'S BRIGHTER THAN THE SUN! DON'T YOU SEE IT?
THERE'S NOTHING UP THERE BUT A BUNCH OF BLACK SKY! YOU'D BETTER QUIET DOWN BEFORE I TURN YOU IN FOR DISTURBING THE PEACE!
BUT EMILY SAW IT EVEN THOUGH NO ONE ELSE DID! IT WAS STILL THERE AS SHE STUMBLED HOME IN A DAZE...
I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO REALLY TALK ABOUT NOW! A FLYING SAUCER! BUT WHO'S GOING TO BELIEVE ME?
DINE AND DAN
WHAT'S WITH HER?
WHO KNOWS? ARE WE GOIN' DANCIN', OR AIN'T WE?
FUNNY... NO ONE SAW IT BUT ME! AND YET... I KNOW I SAW IT! OH, IF I COULD ONLY GET SOME PROOF!
IT'S GOING UP ON MY ROOF! I'VE GOT TO GET SOME PROOF I SAW IT SO THEY'LL BELIEVE ME!
AND THEN EMILY CAME OUT ON THE ROOF, HER HEART BEATING MADLY...
IT'S... IT'S STILL THERE! BUT WHAT KIND OF PROOF CAN I GET?
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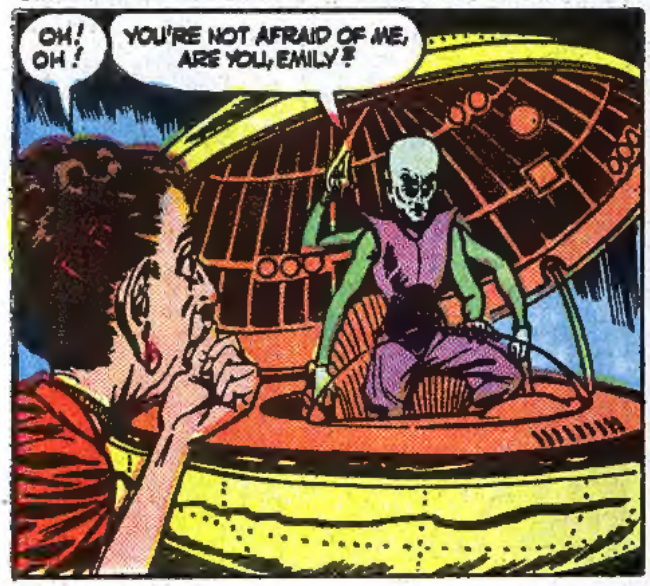
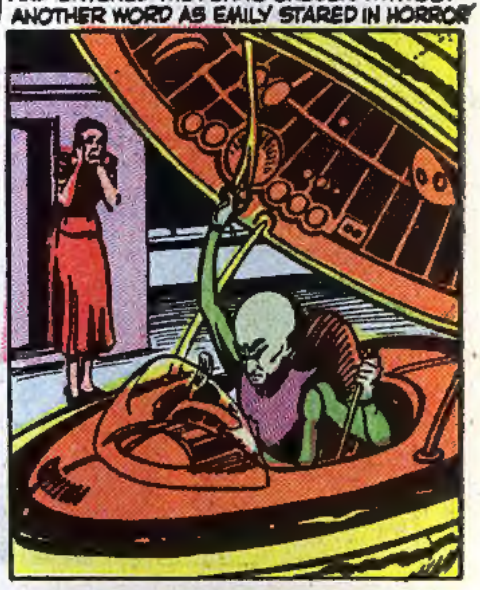
AND AS SHE WONDERED WHAT TO DO, THE STRANGE OBJECT OPENED UP AND AN EVEN STRANGER OBJECT CAME OUT!



AND, STRANGELY ENOUGH, SHE WASN'T! THE CREATURE CAME CLOSER TO HER, REACHED OUT, TOOK HER LEFT HAND... AND SLIPPED A RING ON HER THIRD FINGER!

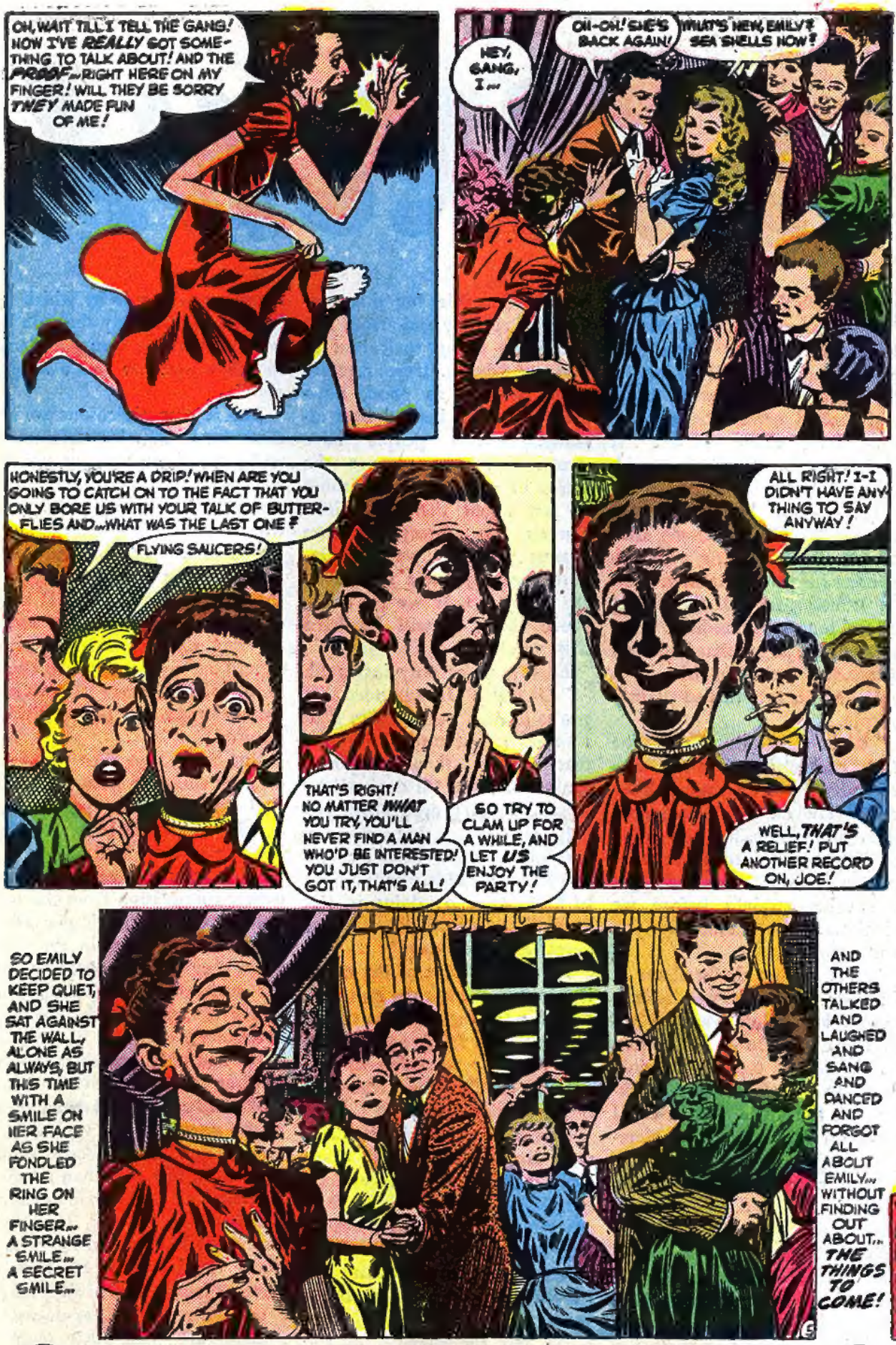
YES, AND THIS RING MAKES YOU MY WIFE! WEAR IT... AND WHEN I RETURN WITH OUR GREAT FLEET TO CONQUER YOUR PLANET, THAT RING WILL SHOW MY PEOPLE THAT YOU'RE ONE OF US... AND THEY WON'T HARM YOU! AS FOR THE OTHERS...

THE CREATURE SHRUGGED HIS SHOULDERS AND ENTERED THE FLYING SAUCER WITHOUT ANOTHER WORD AS EMILY STARED IN HORROR



THE SAUCER ZOOMED OUT INTO SPACE UNTIL IT VANISHED! EMILY LOOKED AT THE SKY...

...AND THEN AT THE RING ON HER FINGER! THE HORROR SLIPPED AWAY TO BE REPLACED BY JOY AND HAPPINESS...


OH, WAIT TILL I TELL THE GANG! NOW I'VE REALLY GOT SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT! AND THE PROOF...RIGHT HERE ON MY FINGER! WILL THEY BE SORRY THEY MADE FUN OF ME!
HEY, GANG, I...
OH-OH! SHE'S BACK AGAIN!
WHAT'S NEW, EMILY? SEA SHELLS NOW?
HONESTLY, YOU'RE A DRIP! WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO CATCH ON TO THE FACT THAT YOU ONLY BORE US WITH YOUR TALK OF BUTTERFLIES AND...WHAT WAS THE LAST ONE?
FLYING SAUCERS!
THAT'S RIGHT! NO MATTER WHAT YOU TRY, YOU'LL NEVER FIND A MAN WHO'D BE INTERESTED! YOU JUST DON'T GOT IT, THAT'S ALL!
SO TRY TO CLAM UP FOR A WHILE, AND LET US ENJOY THE PARTY!
ALL RIGHT! I-I DIDN'T HAVE ANY THING TO SAY ANYWAY!
WELL, THAT'S A RELIEF! PUT ANOTHER RECORD ON, JOE!
SO EMILY DECIDED TO KEEP QUIET, AND SHE SAT AGAINST THE WALL, ALONE AS ALWAYS, BUT THIS TIME WITH A SMILE ON HER FACE AS SHE FONDLED THE RING ON HER FINGER... A STRANGE SMILE... A SECRET SMILE...
AND THE OTHERS TALKED AND LAUGHED AND SANG AND DANCED AND FORGOT ALL ABOUT EMILY... WITHOUT FINDING OUT ABOUT... THE THINGS TO COME!
THE END

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THE SEARCH!

GREGORY MEREDITH hesitated and scrutinized his fingernails at great length, but finallly he could stall no longer. He shifted in his swivel chair and looked across the desk at his client, Elliot Lesser. "It looks bad, Elliot," he said. "Very bad."

Lesser had been nervously tapping his fingers on the arms of his chair, pursing and unpursing his lips constantly. Now he leaned forward. Something in the tone of Meredith's voice brought the anger that had been simmering inside of him to a boil, and his face turned slightly purple.

"Wait a minute, Greg," he said, controlling himself with difficulty. "Wait a minute You're my lawyer. You're supposed to be on my side. But you sound as if you believed these wild rumors about me. Let's get one thing straight before we continue: whose side are you on, anyway?"

There was no doubt about it, Gregory Meredith was embarrassed. He didn't want to answer the question — but he had to. For several seconds, the only sound in the office was the ticking of the little leather-cased clock on the desk. Then Meredith spoke again.

"I'm not only your lawyer, Elliot," he said. "I'm your friend, and you know it. But let's face the facts. It's true that you're known as one of the town's most upright, law-abiding and clean - living citizens. But someone in town has been responsible for this outbreak of robbery and arson. The police are doing their best to find out who is. If your reputation weren't so good, however, you'd be behind bars already. Several people have sworn they saw you at the scenes of many of these crimes at just about the right time. There's no direct evidence against you, but we can't ignore the way these statements are piling up. If we can't disprove them, it will go hard with you."

Elliot's anger only increased.

"All right!" he exploded. "If you're against me too, I'm glad I found it out now. I'll prove that this is all a conspiracy against me, and I'll do it all by myself. I don't need anybody's help! It's obvious that somebody is trying to frame me as a criminal, and it shouldn't be too hard to find out who's doing it. But I can dispense with your services hereafter! Good day!"

He stomped out of the office. But even as he left the building, doubts were beginning to crowd in again. The frame against him was certainly worrking so far, and he hardly knew where to begin to disprove it.

It was all so unfair. He'd always lived such a good, clean life. Of course, he'd made many enemies, because he'd never had any sympathy for people weaker than he, people who fell behind when the competition got rough. Certainly, he'd taken advantage of such people many times, but the survival of the fittest was the rule by which he lived, and obviously the rule by which all strong men got ahead in the world. He was a strong man.

But it was ridiculous to accuse him of cheating defenseless widows and orphans, as people sometimes did. Very few of the tenants in his houses were widows — and there were no orphans at all that he knew of. Besides, those people had to live somewhere, didn't they? If they couldn't afford to pay any more for rent than he charged, why should he try to improve their living conditions? And what would happen to his profits if he did?

But he had no time to waste on such thoughts now. He must find and bring to justice the criminal who had been framing him. Apparently he'd have to do it alone, too. He couldn't even expect cooperation from the police—in spite of the "donations" he'd made to them in the past when they'd overlooked some of his extra-clever operations or minor violations of the sanitary ordinances.

He had only one clue. It was obvious that someone who looked like him had been seen at the scenes of the various recent crimes. And nobody could look more like him than a twin brother. Less had heard a rumor that his twin brother, Timothy, was dead, but he had never actually confirmed it. He hadn't cared. Timothy had always been a useless, reckless ne'er-do-well, squandering what little money

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"WHEN A VAMPIRE DIES..."

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A VAMPIRE DIES? RECENTLY THE TRUTH CAME OUT OF A SMALL EAST EUROPEAN TOWN...A RARE STORY FROM A NATION SO ASHAMED OF ITS INABILITY TO CONTROL THE VAMPIRE PROBLEM, THAT UNTIL THIS STORY BROKE, FEW PEOPLE KNEW THE REAL FACTS OF LIFE IN ARNHEIM...

JEFF COLLINS HAD NEVER BELIEVED IN VAMPIRES! BUT NOW HE STARED...AND WHILE HIS MIND TOLD HIM TO RUN FOR HIS LIFE, HIS LEGS WERE PARALYZED...

HAVE NO FEAR, MR. COLLINS! THAT IS SHAR...OUR LOCAL VAMPIRE! HE WILL NOT HARM YOU! WE ARE FORTUNATE THAT HE IS NOT LIKE THE OTHERS!
YOU MEAN THESE THINGS ARE ALL OVER YOUR COUNTRY? WHAT A STORY!

THE SHEPHERD EXPLAINED HOW THE VAMPIRES HELD THE COUNTRY IN THEIR POWER, EACH VILLAGE BEING DOMINATED BY ONE OF THEIR EMISSARIES! THE PEOPLE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE VAMPIRE AND WERE THUS ALLOWED TO LIVE IN PEACE...

I BRING YOU MY MONTHLY GIFT, OH SHAR! TAKE THIS HUMBLE OFFERING!
THANK YOU, HANS! AND DON'T FORGET TO COME UP AGAIN TO PLAY CHECKERS WITH ME...I'VE BEEN VERY LONELY UP HERE!

WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT? HE DIDN'T ACT LIKE ANY VAMPIRE I'VE EVER HEARD OF!
WE ARE LUCKY HERE, MR. COLLINS! THE TOWN OF ARNHEIM HAS BEEN SENT A VAMPIRE WHO IS MILD AND GENTLE! HE HAS BEEN GOOD TO ALL OF US!
SOME OF OUR PEOPLE FEAR SHAR...BUT HE IS GOOD, COMPARED TO SOME OF THE VAMPIRES IN THE OTHER VILLAGES! WE'VE HEARD REPORTS OF VAMPIRES WHO ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH OFFERINGS OF ANIMALS... THEY LIVE ON THE PEOPLE!
AS THE TRUE STORY OF LIFE IN THIS COUNTRY UNFOLDED FOR JEFF COLLINS, HE REALIZED THAT THIS WAS ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS FOR CENSORSHIP OF ALL STORIES THAT WENT OUT... FEAR OF THE TRUTH ...
THERE, MR. COLLINS, IS ONE OF THOSE WHO FEARS AND HATES THE RULE OF THE VAMPIRES! THAT'S KRUSHAK!
...AND I SAY, DRIVE HIM OUT! OUR NATION IS NOT TO BE FOREVER IN THE GRIP OF THESE BEASTS! KILL SHAR!
THAT KRUSHAK IS A FOOL! HE'S LOOKING FOR TROUBLE! NO ONE HAS EVER DARED TO KILL A VAMPIRE!
...ONLY THEN WILL ARNHEIM BE FREE TO LIVE AS WE USED TO LIVE, BEFORE THOSE PARASITES DESCENDED UPON US!
THERE, YOU SEE...THOSE CHILDREN ARE GOING TO SHAR, TO BRING THEIR FAMILY'S MONTHLY TRIBUTE!
BUT ISN'T IT DANGEROUS FOR CHILDREN TO GO UP THERE UNGUARDED?
HE NEVER HARMS OUR CHILDREN! ALL HE IS CONCERNED WITH IS READING POETRY AND PHILOSOPHY! HE LEAVES US ALONE! HE'S BETTER THAN SOME PEOPLE IN THIS TOWN!
YOU HEAR THAT, MY FRIENDS?
THERE IS THE TYPE OF MENTALITY THAT KEEPS OUR NATION A SLAVE TO THE VAMPIRE! YOU ARE A TRAITOR TO YOUR PEOPLE, HANS...AND YOUR GOOD FRIEND THE VAMPIRE WILL DIE!
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LOOK, ALL OF YOU...THERE IS A MAN WHO IS IN THE VAMPIRES POWER! HIS MIND HAS BEEN POSSESSED BY THE CREATURE WHO IS SUCKING OUT THE LIFEBLOOD OF OUR NATION!
NO! YOU'RE WRONG!

THE VAMPIRE MUST DIE! OUR NOBLE VILLAGE MUST BE FREED FROM THIS MENACE ..THIS INHUMAN THING WHO DEMANDS THAT WE PAY HIM TRIBUTE!

PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS AFRAID WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN WHEN A VAMPIRE DIES! I SAY, LET'S FIND OUT! RISE UP, PEOPLE OF ARNHEIM, AND KILL THE BEAST!

UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF KRUSHAK'S EMOTIONAL SPEECHES, THE CROWD BEGAN TO FEEL THE EXCITEMENT AND CONFIDENCE THAT FLOWED THROUGH HIM!

THE ANGER OF THE MOB FLAMED INTO BLOODTHIRSTY FURY! WEAPONS WERE QUICKLY FOUND, AND THIS TIME IT SEEMED THAT THE PEOPLE WOULD CARRY OUT THEIR THREAT..

HE'S RIGHT! WHY SHOULD WE PAY TRIBUTE TO THE VAMPIRE?
THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF US, AND ONLY ONE OF HIM! WE CAN DESTROY HIM!
DEATH TO THE VAMPIRE!

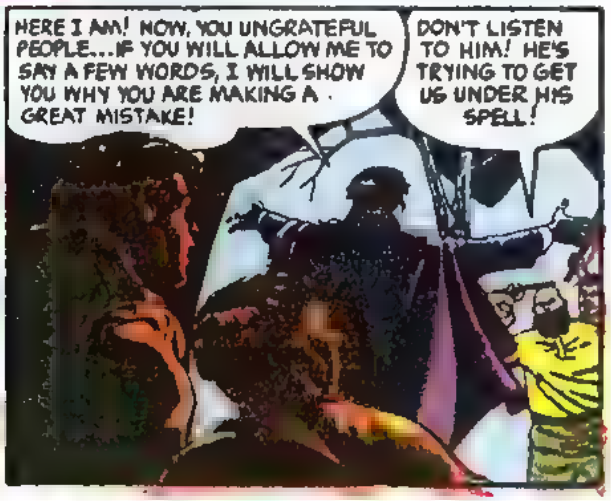
TAKING A SHORT CUT, THE SHEPHERD AND THE REPORTER MADE THEIR WAY UP TO THE HILLSIDE WHERE THE VAMPIRE LIVED IN HIS CAVE! THE MOB WAS ON ITS WAY BY THE MAIN ROAD...

THEY'VE GOT SHARPENED STAKES, AND KRUSHAK CARRIES A PISTOL WITH A SILVER BULLET IN IT!
THE FOOLS! I'VE BEEN TOO LENIENT WITH THEM! MY SUPERIORS HAVE OFTEN TOLD ME I WAS TOO EASY! I SHOULD HAVE TAKEN HUMAN LIVES... INSTEAD OF ANIMALS!
BUT, SHAR, IT ISN'T ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE AGAINST YOU! THEY WERE STIRRED UP BY THAT MAN, KRUSHAK!
NO MATTER! THE INNOCENT WILL SUFFER WITH THE GUILTY... THAT CAN NEVER BE HELPED! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A VAMPIRE DIES!

THEY COULD HEAR THE ANGRY MOB COMING UP THE ROAD! TORCHES FLICKERED IN THE DISTANCE, AND THE SHOUTS ECHOED THROUGH THE HILLS...

THERE THEY COME! THEY'VE ALLOWED THEMSELVES TO BE TALKED INTO KILLING ME! WELL, LET THEM!
NO, SHAR! YOU'VE BEEN GOOD TO US! GO AWAY, AND LET THIS BLOW OVER!

NEVER! A VAMPIRE CANNOT RUN AWAY! MY LEADERS WOULD HAVE ME PUT TO DEATH IF THEY DISCOVERED I LEFT MY POST!
COME OUT, SHAR, OR WE'LL COME IN AND GET YOU!


HERE I AM! NOW, YOU UNGRATEFUL PEOPLE... IF YOU WILL ALLOW ME TO SAY A FEW WORDS, I WILL SHOW YOU WHY YOU ARE MAKING A GREAT MISTAKE!
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM! HE'S TRYING TO GET US UNDER HIS SPELL!

I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU THAT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WHEN I DIE! IT'S IMPORTANT!
WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT WHEN THE TIME COMES!
GET HIM! KILL HIM BEFORE HE CHANGES INTO A BAT!

ALL ATTEMPTS TO REASON WITH THE AROUSED MOB WERE USELESS! EVEN AS THE VAMPIRE SPOKE, SEVERAL OF THE PEOPLE REACHED HIM AND PLUNGED THEIR WEAPONS DEEP INTO HIS HEART!

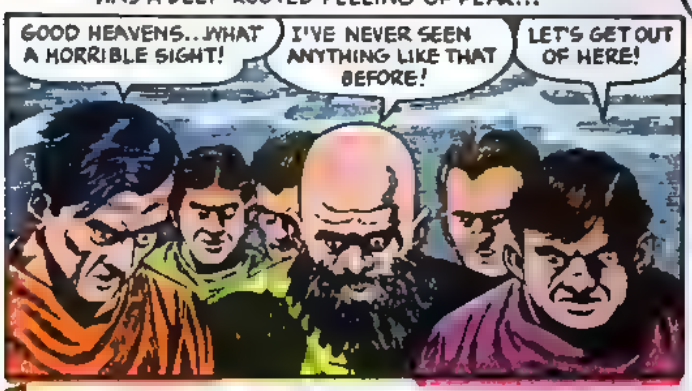
A SHRIEK OF PAIN ESCAPED FROM THE LIPS OF THE DYING VAMPIRE...

HIS MOUTH FOAMED AS HE WRITHED ON THE GROUND IN ANGUISH, COUGHING AND SPUTTERING ON THE BRINK OF OBLIVION...

THEN SLOWLY THE HALF-HUMAN FEATURES CHANGED TO A LEATHERY BLACK, AND WHERE THERE WERE ARMS BEFORE, NOW TWO WINGS FLAPPED AGINST THE DUSTY ROAD...

AND THE VAMPIRE WHO HAD BEEN LIKED AND TRUSTED BY THE CHILDREN OF ARNHEIM, TURNED INTO A BAT AND DIED...

WHEN IT WAS OVER, EVERY MAN IN THE CROWD STARED, HORRIFIED AT WHAT HE HAD SEEN, AND IN EACH FACE THERE WAS A DEEP-ROOTED FEELING OF FEAR...



I DON'T LIKE IT! I'VE GOT A FEELING SOMETHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN!
I DON'T THINK MY EDITOR WOULD EVER PRINT A STORY LIKE THIS...IT'S TOO INCREDIBLE! BUT WE STILL HAVEN'T LEARNED WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A VAMPIRE DIES!

THE MEN ARRIVED BACK AT THEIR VILLAGE, TIRED AND WEAK FROM THE ORDEAL THEY HAD JUST COME THROUGH! BUT THEN A MESSENGER CAME RUNNING HYSTERICALLY...

HE CAME AT THEM, MORE HORRIBLE THAN ANY VAMPIRE THEY'D EVER SEEN OR HEARD OF BEFORE! HIS EYES HELD A LUST FOR KILLING.. WITH A VICIOUSNESS THAT MADE THE DEAD SHAR SEEM LIKE A CHILD IN COMPARISON!

THE FOOLS DIDN'T REALIZE THAT WHEN A VAMPIRE DIES... ANOTHER TAKES HIS PLACE!

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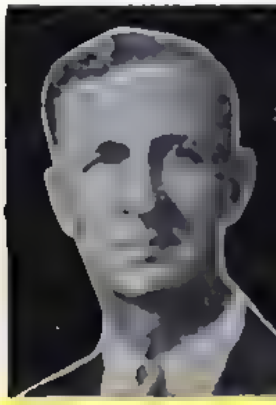

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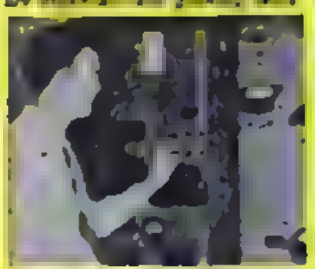

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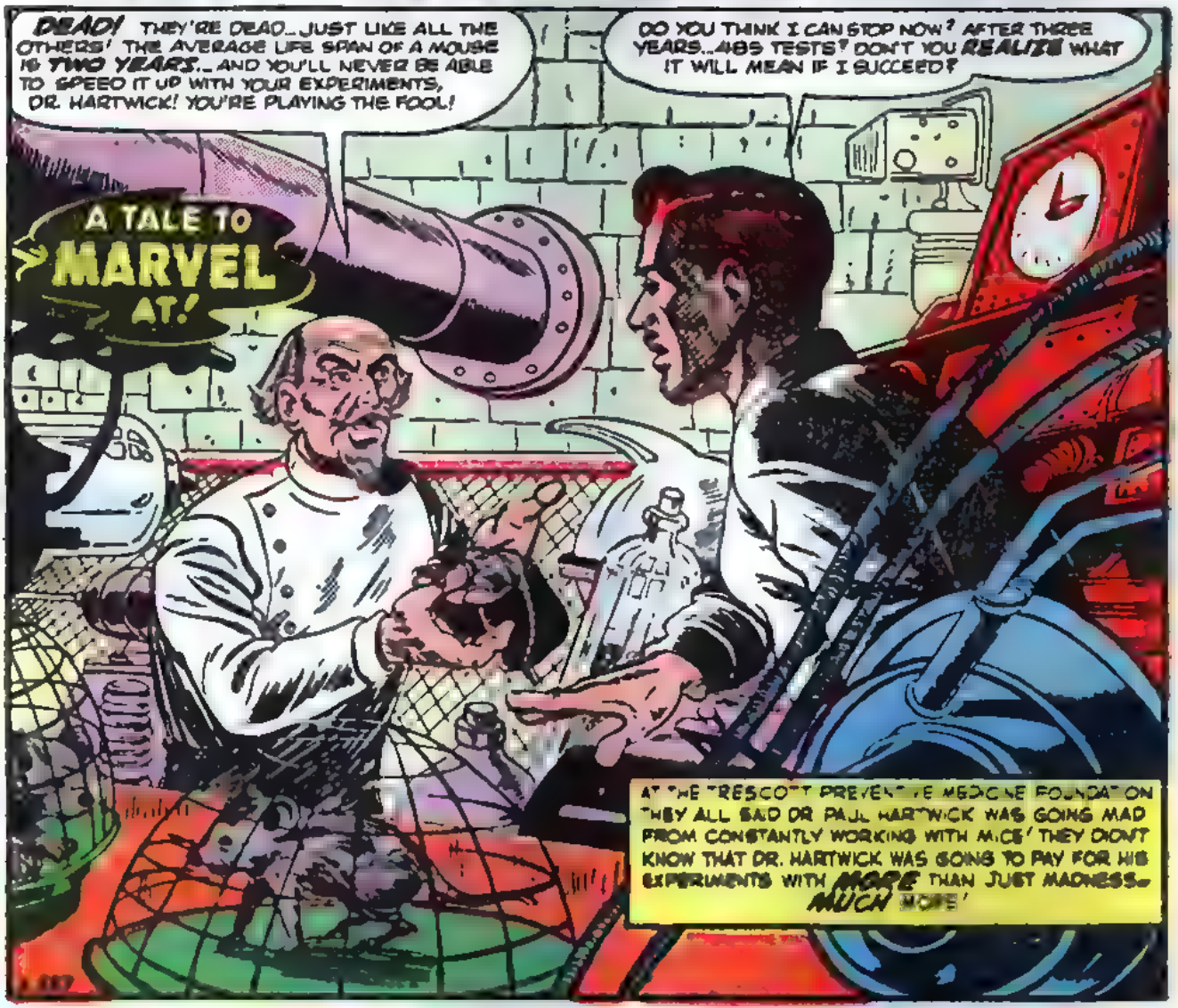
DEAD! THEY'RE DEAD... JUST LIKE ALL THE OTHERS! THE AVERAGE LIFE SPAN OF A MOUSE IS TWO YEARS... AND YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO SPEED IT UP WITH YOUR EXPERIMENTS, DR. HARTWICK! YOU'RE PLAYING THE FOOL!
DO YOU THINK I CAN STOP NOW? AFTER THREE YEARS...485 TESTS? DON'T YOU REALIZE WHAT IT WILL MEAN IF I SUCCEED?
A TALE TO MARVEL AT!
AT THE PRESCOTT PREVENTIVE MEDICINE FOUNDATION THEY ALL SAID DR. PAUL HARTWICK WAS GOING MAD FROM CONSTANTLY WORKING WITH MICE! THEY DIDN'T KNOW THAT DR. HARTWICK WAS GOING TO PAY FOR HIS EXPERIMENTS WITH MORE THAN JUST MADNESS... MUCH MORE!

I REALIZE YOU'RE WASTING THE FOUNDATION'S MONEY! YOU'RE TAMPERING WITH THE FUNDAMENTAL SOURCES OF LIFE... SOMETHING MAN WAS NEVER INTENDED TO UNDERSTAND!
LEAVE ME ALONE! I'VE GOT TO THINK!

GET OUT! I'LL SOLVE THIS THING AND YOU'LL BE SORRY YOU CRITICIZED ME!
I'M LEAVING! BUT I WARN YOU... IF YOU DO LEARN TO CONTROL LIFE.. EVEN THAT OF A MOUSE.. IT IS YOU WHO WILL BE SORRY!

IT WAS A DIFFICULT ROAD FOR DR. HARTWICK...AND THAT NIGHT, WHEN HE RETURNED FROM THE LABORATORY, HIS LOVELY WIFE BEGGED HIM AGAIN TO STOP...

IT'S RUINING YOUR HEALTH, PAUL! WHY MUST YOU TRY TO CONTROL THE LIFE SPAN OF MICE?
WHY? IF WE COULD REDUCE THE LIFE CYCLE OF A MOUSE TO TWO MONTHS INSTEAD OF TWO YEARS, WE COULD SEE THE RESULTS OF OUR EXPERIMENTS WITH THEM THAT MUCH QUICKER!

WE COULD FIND A CURE FOR EVERY DISEASE! RESEARCH WOULD BE SPEEDED UP TERRIFICALLY!
BUT IS IT RIGHT, PAUL? SHOULD MAN CONTROL LIFE? DON'T YOU SEE? MAN WASN'T MEANT TO MEDDLE WITH LIFE ITSELF!
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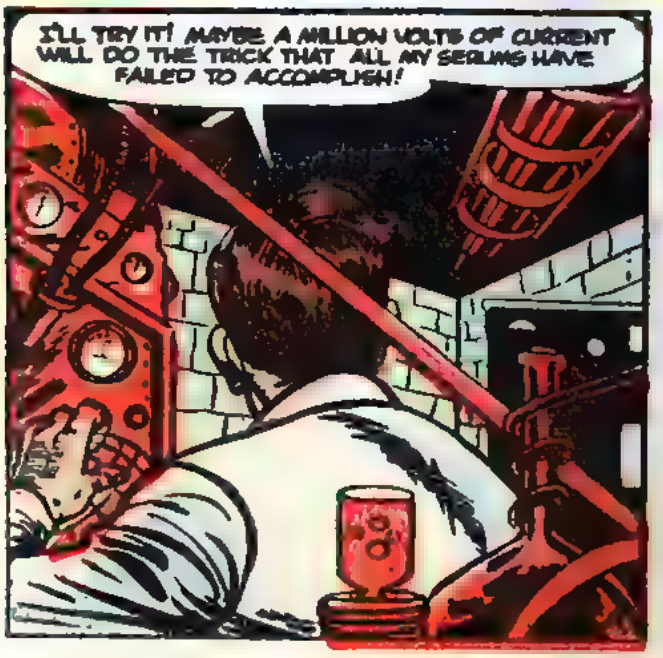
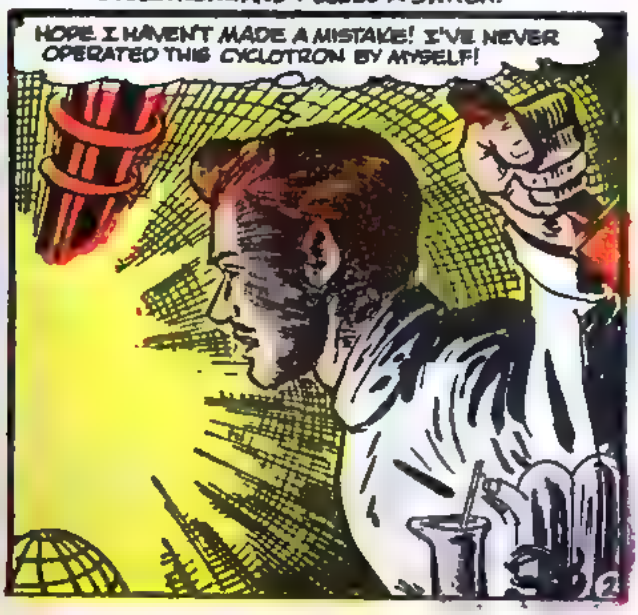
AT THE LABORATORY, DR. HARTWICK SAW AT A GLANCE HIS LATEST SERUM HAD FAILED...



SO DR. HARTWICK PLACED THE YOUNG MICE UNDER THE CYCLOTRON...AND PULLED A SWITCH!



BAROOOM!
THE EXPLOSION FROM THE CYCLOTRON WAS HEARD ALL OVER THE BUILDING.. AND WHEN OTHER RESEARCHERS RUSHED INTO THE LABORATORY, THEY FOUND DR. HARTWICK UNCONSCIOUS..
OHH!
HE'S ALIVE! QUICK... SHUT THAT THING OFF_IT MAY EXPLODE AGAIN!
LET'S GET HARTWICK OUT OF HERE! HE'S BURNED RATHER BADLY!
OHH_MY HEAD_THE CYCLOTRON.. DID IT WORK_HOW ARE THE MICE?
HE'S GOING INTO SHOCK FROM BURNS!
POOR DR HARTWICK_STILL THINKING ABOUT HIS PRECIOUS MICE!
EASY NOW, DR HARTWICK! FORGET THE MICE! YOU'RE IN BAD SHAPE!
LET ME GO! THE MICE_I'VE GOT TO LOOK AT THE MICE!
I'VE DONE IT! I'VE AGED THE MICE! LOOK_SEE HOW OLD AND FEEBLE THEY ARE! WHEN I PUT THEM THERE SEVERAL MINUTES AGO, THEY WERE VERY YOUNG!
HE'S DONE IT! DR. HARTWICK HAS FOUND THE KEY TO SPEEDING UP THE LIFE CYCLE OF MICE! IT'S AMAZING!
LATER, AT THE HOSPITAL, AS PHYLLIS HARTWICK RUSHED TO THE BEDSIDE OF HER HUSBAND..
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, PAUL? I CAME AS QUICKLY AS I COULD!
MINOR BURNS, PHYLLIS! BUT HAVE YOU HEARD THE WONDERFUL NEWS? I'M GOING TO BE FAMOUS! I'VE SHORTENED THE LIFE CYCLE OF MICE FROM TWO YEARS TO LESS THAN ONE DAY!
I KNOW, PAUL! IT'S HORRIBLE! I'M CERTAIN IT'S A MISTAKE! YOU NEVER SHOULD HAVE MEDDLED WITH IT...NOT LIFE ITSELF!
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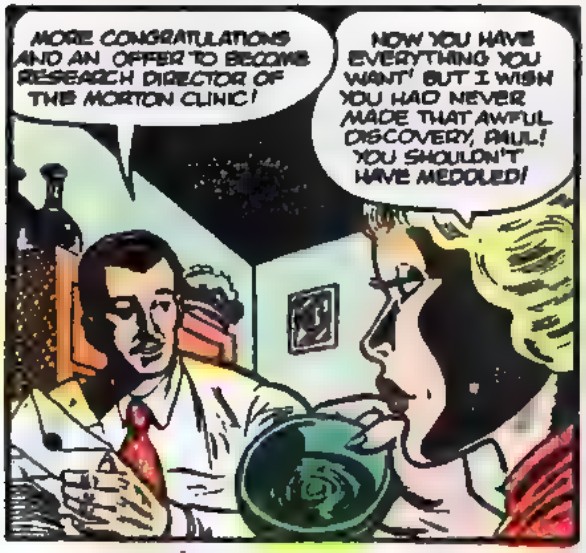
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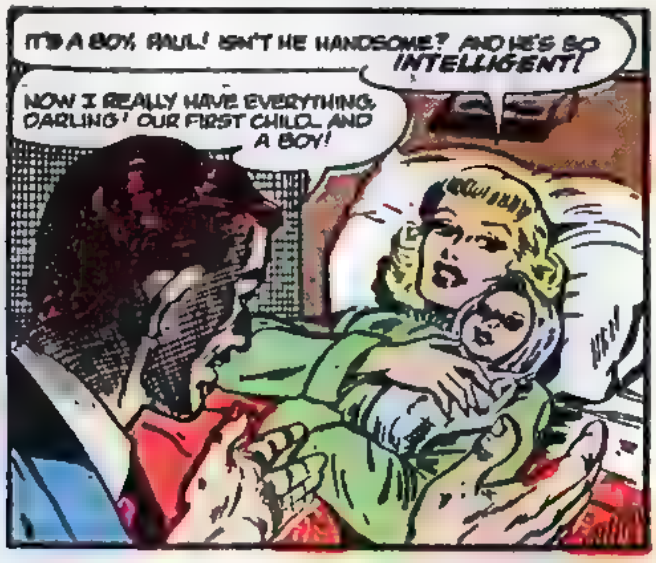


ONE WEEK LATER, WHEN THEY BROUGHT THEIR SON HOME THEY WERE THE PROUDEST PARENTS IN THE WORLD...

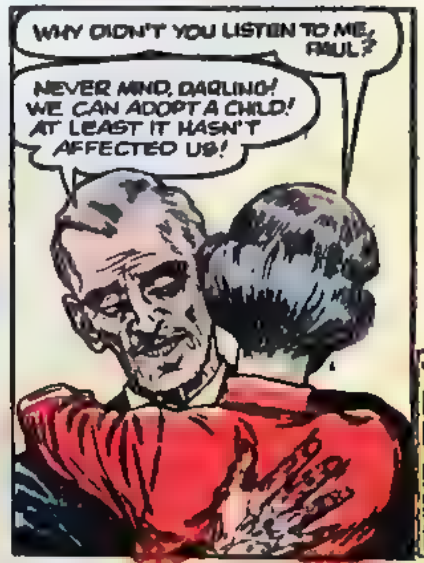
BUT THAT NIGHT...

IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, PHYLLIS AND DR. HARTWICK WATCHED IN GROWING HORROR AS THEIR SON MATURED...

HE'S MIDDLE-AGED... HE READS, AND SMOKES A PIPE! WHAT HAVE I DONE TO DESERVE THIS?
I KNOW, PAUL! YOU'VE MEDDLED WITH THE FORCES OF NATURE, AND THIS IS YOUR PUNISHMENT!

THEN THE NIGHT WHEN THE BABY WAS JUST TWO WEEKS OLD...

BUT DR. HARTWICK WAS WRONG! HIS NIGHTMARE HAD JUST BEGUN!



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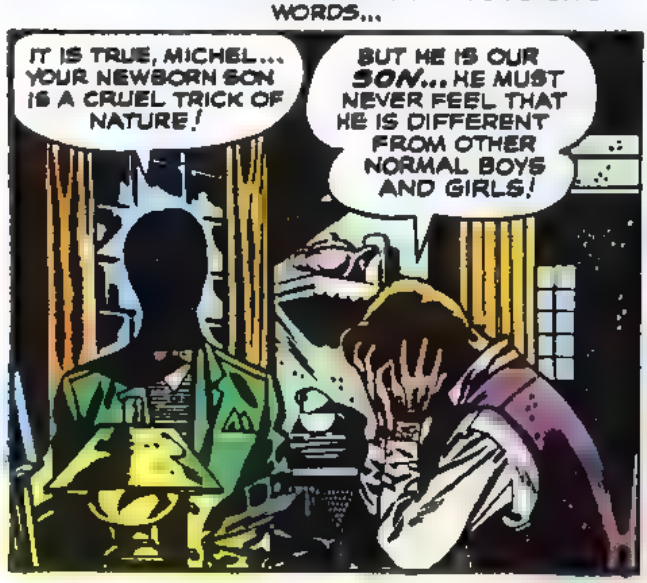
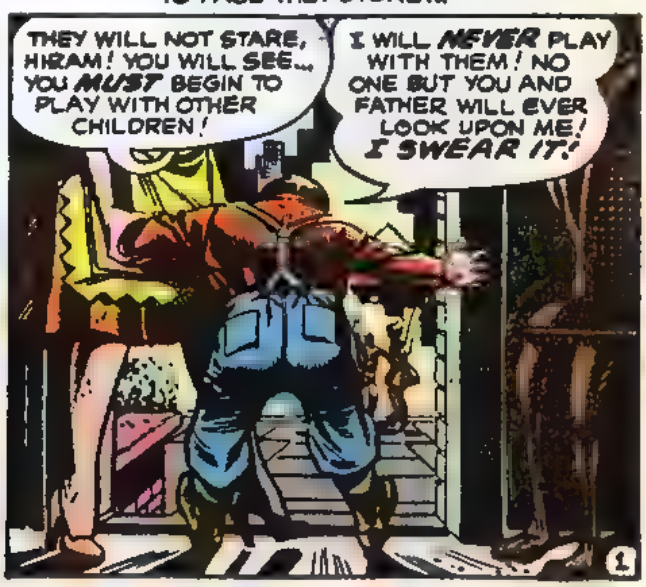
A TALE TO MARVEL AT!
THERE HE SAT, DAY INTO NIGHT, LISTENING TO SOUNDS OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD! FOR HE WAS DIFFERENT, AND WAS DOOMED TO A LIFE OF BITTER SECLUSION! NO STRANGER, HE SWORE, WOULD EVER SEE HIM AS THE WALKING HORROR...

THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO IS WHEN IT ALL STARTED, ON A CHEERLESS, DAMP MIDNIGHT! HOW MICHEL WOLF MUST HAVE SHUDDERED AT THE DOCTOR'S WORDS...


IT IS TRUE, MICHEL... YOUR NEWBORN SON IS A CRUEL TRICK OF NATURE!
BUT HE IS OUR SON... HE MUST NEVER FEEL THAT HE IS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER NORMAL BOYS AND GIRLS!

THE WELL-MEANING PARENTS STRUGGLED TO GIVE THE BOY THE CONFIDENCE HE WOULD NEED TO FACE THE FUTURE...


THEY WILL NOT STARE, HIRAM! YOU WILL SEE... YOU MUST BEGIN TO PLAY WITH OTHER CHILDREN!
I WILL NEVER PLAY WITH THEM! NO ONE BUT YOU AND FATHER WILL EVER LOOK UPON ME! I SWEAR IT!
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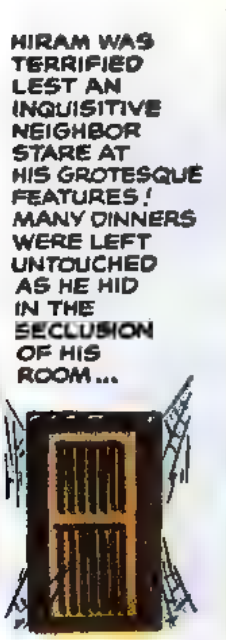
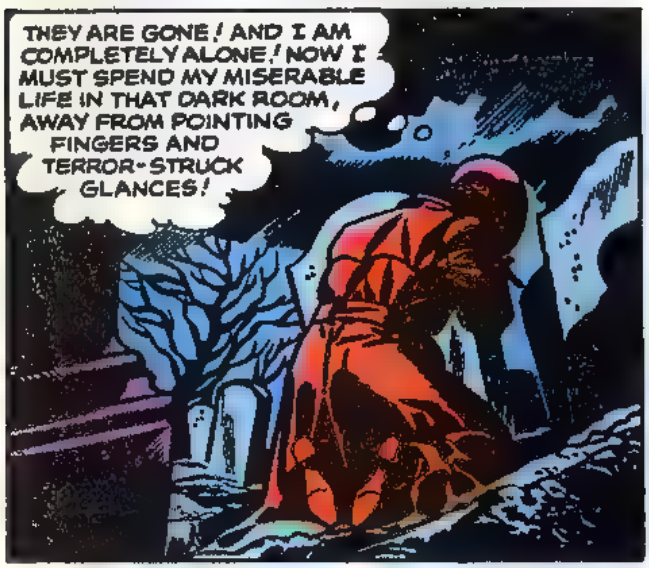
HIRAM! WHERE ARE YOU GOING? YOUR DINNER WILL BE COLD!
I DON'T WANT ANY MORE! I MUST HIDE BEFORE MOTHER ANSWERS THE KNOCK ON THE DOOR!
KNOCK KNOCK
JUST A NEIGHBOR TO BORROW SOMETHING, NO DOUBT! AND YET HE MUST HIDE!


HIRAM WAS TERRIFIED LEST AN INQUISITIVE NEIGHBOR STARE AT HIS GROTESQUE FEATURES! MANY DINNERS WERE LEFT UNTOUCHED AS HE HID IN THE SECLUSION OF HIS ROOM...

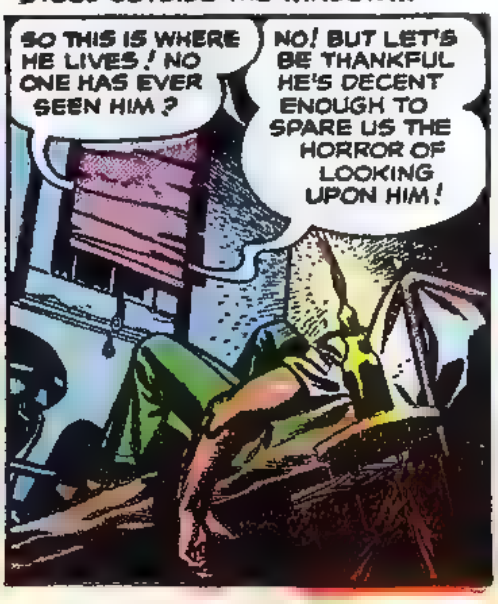
THE YEARS PASSED ON, AND WITH THEM, HIRAM'S PARENTS! ON MOONLESS NIGHTS HE WOULD KNEEL AT THEIR GRAVES AND SOB...


THEY ARE GONE! AND I AM COMPLETELY ALONE! NOW I MUST SPEND MY MISERABLE LIFE IN THAT DARK ROOM, AWAY FROM POINTING FINGERS AND TERROR-STRUCK GLANCES!

HIRAM WOLF! HERE IS THE FOOD YOU WANTED! I WILL PASS IT THROUGH YOUR WINDOW AS YOU ASKED!
ONE MOMENT! YOU MUST WAIT UNTIL I PUT ON MY MASK!

THIS WAS HIS WAY OF LIFE! NEVER TO LET HIMSELF BE SEEN... NEVER TO LET HIMSELF BE STARED AT...

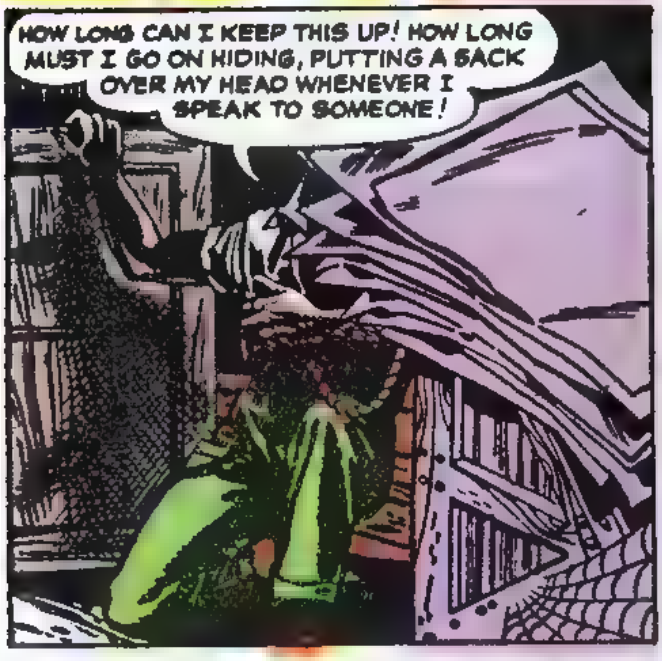
MANY NIGHTS, HIRAM HEARD THE PEOPLE DISCUSSING HIM AS THEY STOOD OUTSIDE THE WINDOW...


SO THIS IS WHERE HE LIVES! NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN HIM?
NO! BUT LET'S BE THANKFUL HE'S DECENT ENOUGH TO SPARE US THE HORROR OF LOOKING UPON HIM!

IT EVEN SEEMED AS THOUGH THE MICE THAT SHARED HIS ROOM COULD NOT BEAR TO LOOK UPON HIS FACE! HE FELT LONELIER THAN EVER...

THE NIGHTS SEEMED NEVER ENDING, AS HIRAM PACED UP AND BACK CONTINUOUSLY THINKING... SEARCHING FOR AN ANSWER HE KNEW INWARDLY HE WOULD NEVER FIND!

EVEN WHEN THE SUN CAME UP IN THE MORNING, HIS WAS THE ONLY WINDOW ON THE BLOCK THAT HAD A SHADOW!



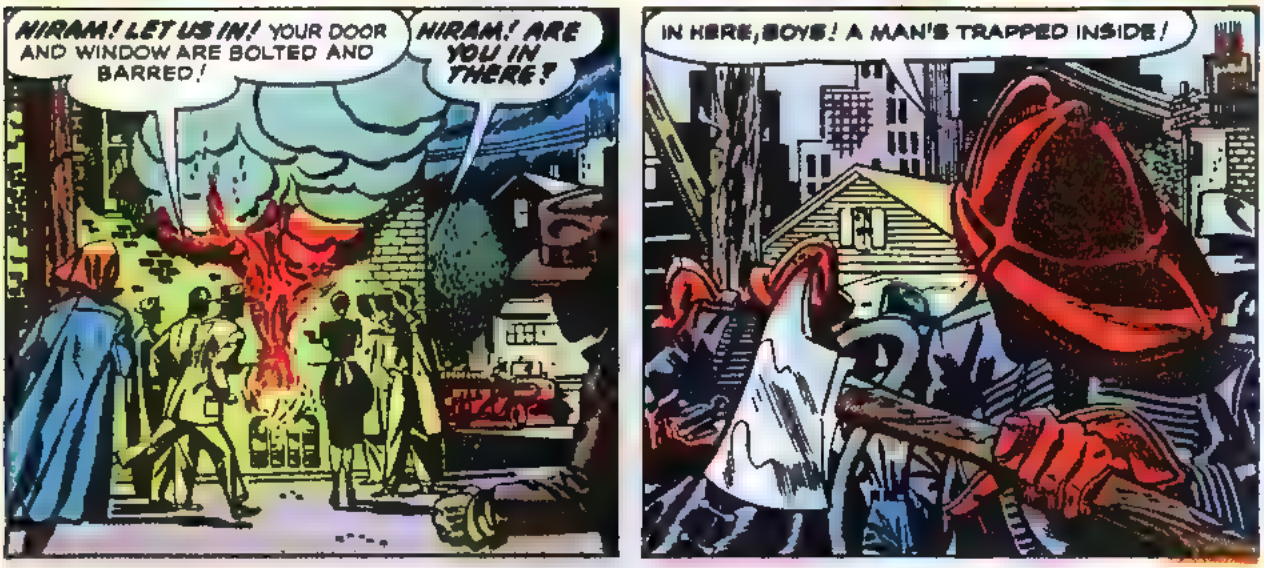
FIRE! HIRAM JUMPED BACK AS THE FLAMES THREATENED TO ENGULF THE ENTIRE ROOM!

THE FLAMES LICKED AT HIM MENACINGLY! HIRAM COULD ONLY SHAKE AND WHIMPER HELPLESSLY...

BUT SUDDENLY, HE STOPPED WHIMPERING AND *LAUGHED!* HE LAUGHED LOUDER AND HEARTIER...

THE FLAMES CREPT CLOSER, AND STILL HIRAM LAUGHED...

THE FLAMES LICKED AT HIS CLOTHING, THEN HIS FACE! HE LAUGHED AS THE HEAT SCORCHED AND DISFIGURED HIS BODY!



THEY DRAGGED HIS LIFELESS BODY TO THE STREET SO THEY COULD IDENTIFY THE BODY...

AND WHEN THEY TURNED HIM OVER...

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he'd had instead of saving it and investing as Elliot had. He'd run off to sea several years ago. And a couple of months ago, Elliot had received a letter from him.

The postmark had been that of a neighboring town, and the letter wasr a pitiful plea for money. Timothy, it said, was dying, and desperately needed a doctor's care. Of course, Elliot had refused in a curt note, and shortly afterwards had heard the rumor that Timothy had passed on.

But suppose he hadn't? He could be framing Elliot for revenge, while piling up money from his many thefts. Nobody in town knew about Timothy, since Elliot had always considererd him a disgrace never to be mentioned; nobody would believe him if he told about Timothy now. But his twin brother could definitely be behind this frame, working either alone or with some of Elliot's other enemies.

Elliot Lesser had been wandering vaguely during these musings, and he looked up to find himself in front of the railroad station. The next thought followed naturally. He would go to that neighboring town, and check on Timothy's death. If he could discover for certain that his twin was still alive, he'd have something to go on.

Lesser entered the station, bought a ticket, and waited anxiously for the train. Several times, he thought he saw the ticket agent looking at him in a peculiar fashion, and he wiped perspiration from his brow in spite of the chill in the air. On a hunch, he stuck close to the door of the station. It was a good thing he did, for a few minutes later a police car pulled up. The chief of police and a detective in plain clothes headed for the station.

They were after him! Hastily, Lesser left the station by another door, hailed a taxi and ordered the driver to take him home. He sat on the edge of his seat, expecting to hear sirens behind him any minute. But he reached home without further trouble.

There he paid off the driver, and as soon as the taxi was out of sight, got his own car out of the garage. He did not feel in a mood to drive, but he was sure the railroad and bus stations would be watched from now on. And he had to get out of town, to prove his innocence!

He made it safely, without being stopped. The drive to the neighboring town took over two hours, and Elliot Lesser's nerves had been rubbed completely raw by the time he got there. The fact that he took several wrong turns on the way to the address that had been on his brother's letter didn't help any, either.

Yes, the landlady told him, looking at him suspiciously from watery old eyes, his brother had lived there—and had died there too. The city had given him an unceremonious burial in the cemetery on the edge of town.

Not even bothering to thank her, he rushed off again. Some compulsive urge made him head for the cemetery. He had to see Timothy's grave with his own eyes, or he'd never really believe his brother was dead. And there might be a chance, even now, that he wasn't — he could have bribed the landlady to give the desirerd answers to Elliot's questions.

He sat in the car for several minutes when he had pulled up at the graveyard entrance. Finally, he steeled himself and got out. Night had fallen, and there was only the light of a cold moon to see by. Lesser stumbled throrugh the entrance and into the cemetery ,and as he did so he heard the wail of sirens from the direction of the city!

He practically stumbled over his brother's tombstone before he saw it, it was so small. But it was there all right, obviously new just as it was obviously the cheapest obtainable.

There had to be another answer—had to be! Lesser turned to run, and even as he did so something tripped him and threw him to the ground with pressing force. He looked around at a vague, shadowy form above him, a form that wavered dimly but which was hideously recognizable. And then he screamed, a series of piercing shrieks that got louder and louder on the still night air.

The police found him there with a broken leg, unable to run. They said afterwards that he was babbling as if he had gone completely insane — babbling something about being framed, and being trapped, framed and trapped by his twin brother's ghost!

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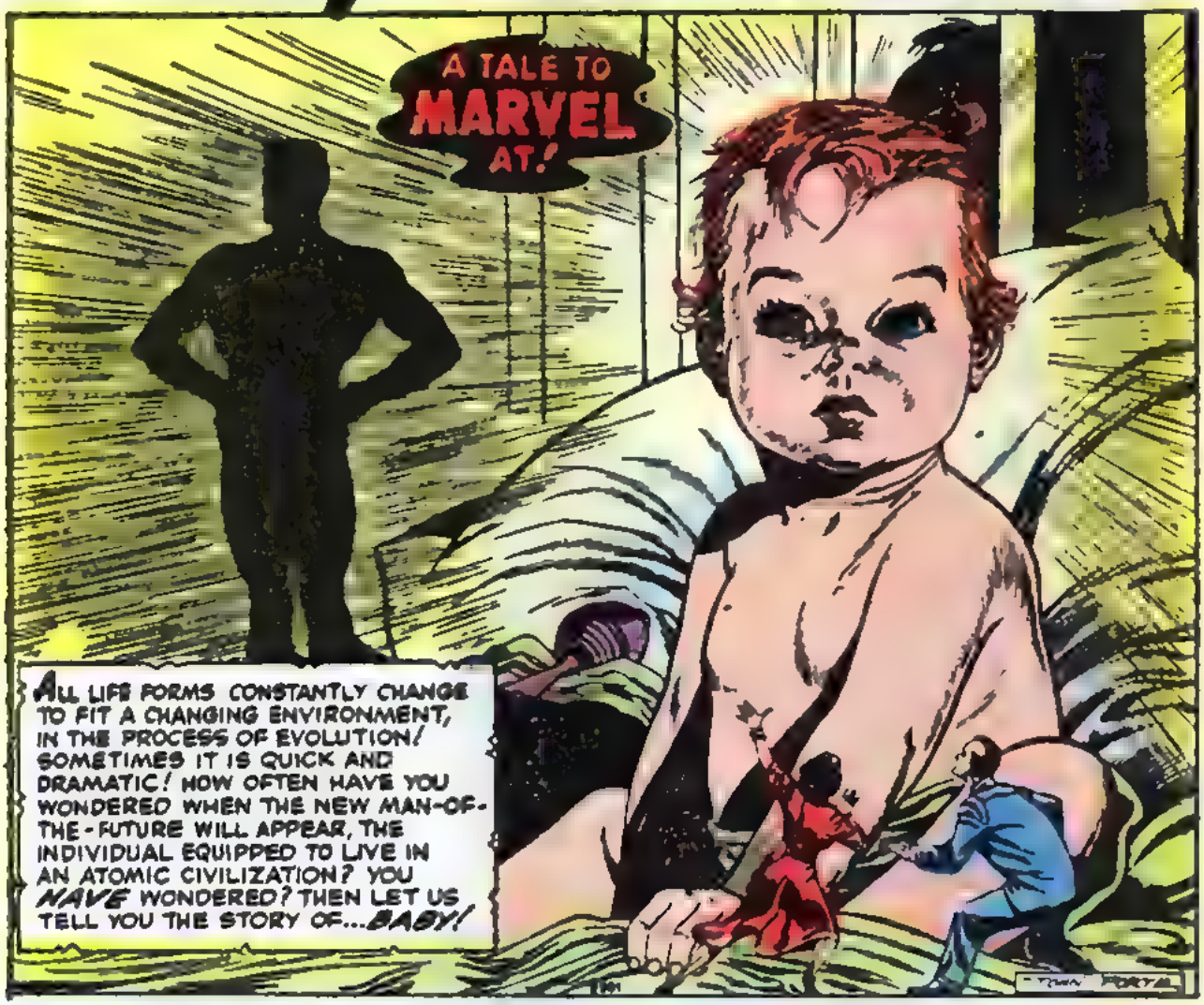
A TALE TO MARVEL AT!
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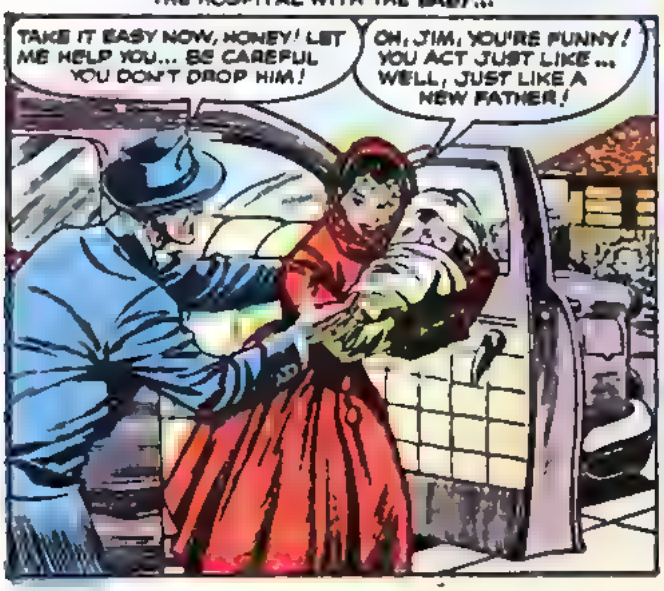
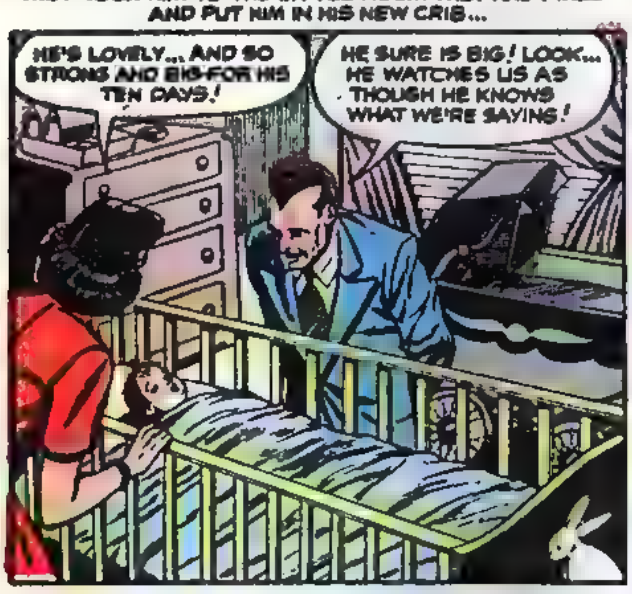
THEY WERE SO HAPPY WHEN MARTHA FIRST CAME HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL WITH THE BABY...

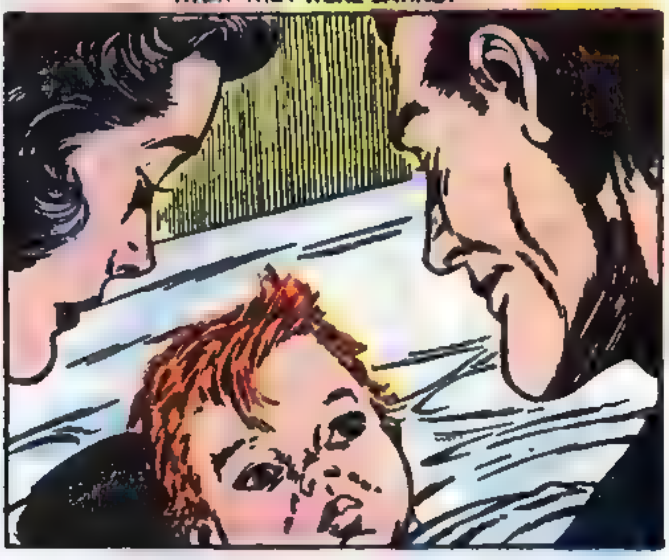

TAKE IT EASY NOW, HONEY! LET ME HELP YOU... BE CAREFUL YOU DON'T DROP HIM!
OH, JIM, YOU'RE FUNNY! YOU ACT JUST LIKE ... WELL, JUST LIKE A NEW FATHER!

I AM A NEW FATHER!
WELL, EVEN THOUGH IT IS RATHER LATE IN LIFE FOR A COUPLE TO BE HAVING THEIR FIRST-BORN, THAT DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T TAKE CARE OF HIM AS WELL AS ANY YOUNGER WOMAN!

THEY TOOK HIM TO THE LITTLE ROOM THEY HAD FIXED AND PUT HIM IN HIS NEW CRIB...



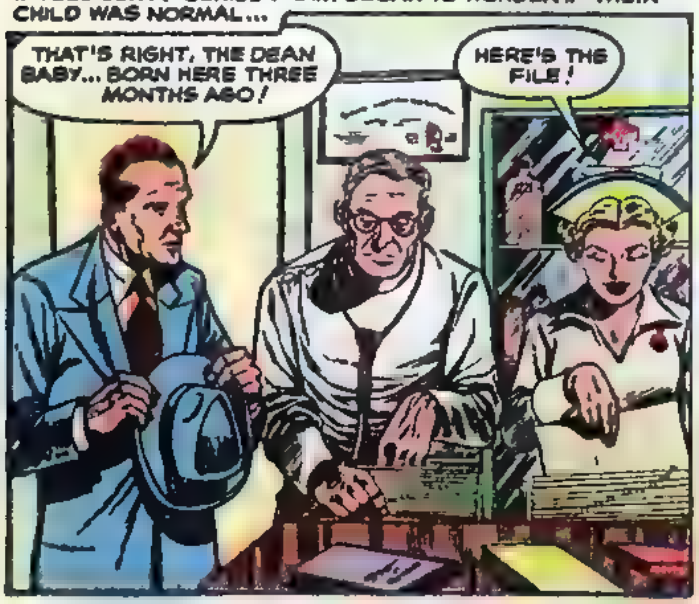
YES, HE LOOKED AT THEM WITH THOSE YOUNG, WISE EYES, NEVER BLINKING, NEVER MOVING... AS THOUGH HE *KNEW* WHAT THEY WERE SAYING!

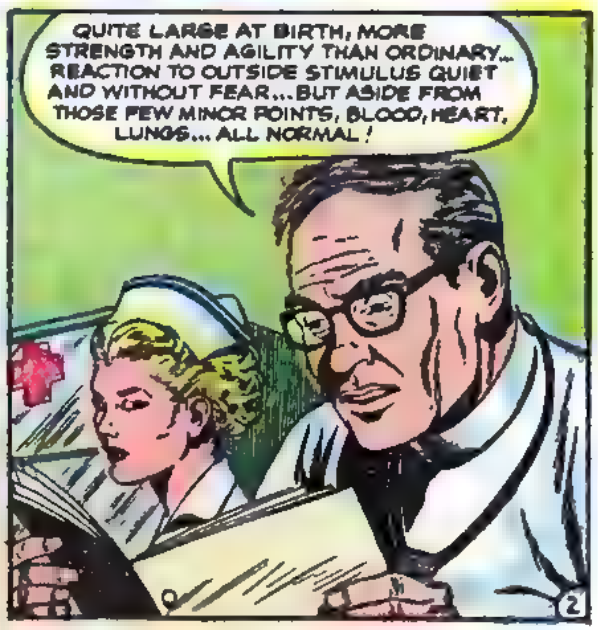


AND HE NEVER CRIED LIKE ORDINARY BABIES...

YOU KNOW, MARTHA, I ALMOST BELIEVE HE UNDERSTANDS WHAT WE'RE SAYING!
A BABY HIS AGE *CAN'T* UNDERSTAND, JIM! HE JUST *SEEMS* TO BE LISTENING!

INTELLIGENT? GENIUS? JIM BEGAN TO WONDER IF THEIR CHILD WAS NORMAL...



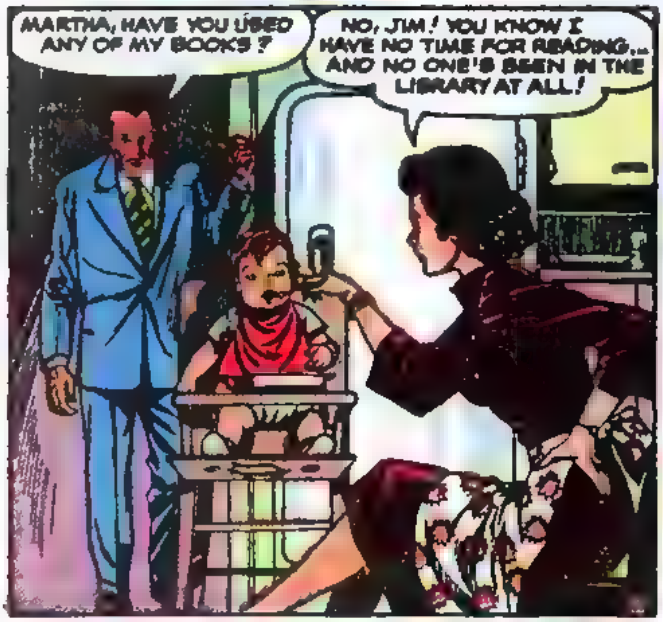

QUITE LARGE AT BIRTH, MORE STRENGTH AND AGILITY THAN ORDINARY... REACTION TO OUTSIDE STIMULUS QUIET AND WITHOUT FEAR... BUT ASIDE FROM THOSE FEW MINOR POINTS, BLOOD, HEART, LUNGS... ALL NORMAL!

AFTER HIS TALK WITH THE DOCTOR, JIM FELT BETTER! TWO MONTHS SLIPPED BY! MARTHA WAS COMPLETELY ABSORBED IN THE CHILD...

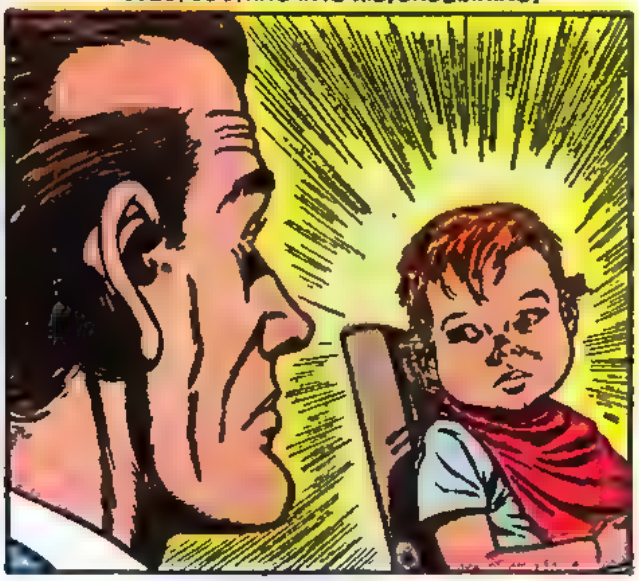
MARTHA, YOU SPEND EVERY WAKING MOMENT WITH THE BABY... THERE'S NO NEED TO CHECK ON HIM SEVERAL TIMES A NIGHT TOO!
I WANT TO BE WITH HIM EVERY MOMENT!

MARTHA'S SO STRANGE LATELY! IT'S NOT HEALTHY TO BE SO WRAPPED UP IN A BABY LIKE SHE IS! SHE EVEN SEEMS TO ACT SORT OF SIMPLE... AS THOUGH SOMETHING'S WRONG, MENTALLY!

IT WAS THE NEXT MORNING, SUNDAY, THAT JIM WENT INTO HIS LIBRARY TO CHECK SOME SCIENTIFIC DATA FOR AN EXAM HE WAS GIVING HIS STUDENTS...

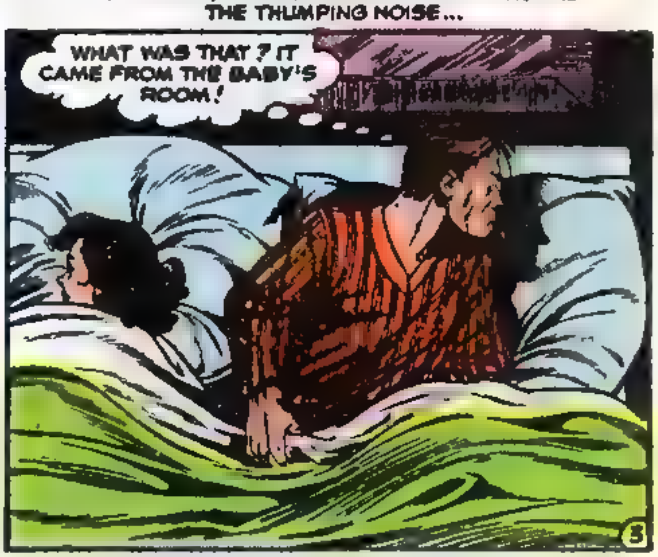


THEN HE FELT SOMETHING BORING AT HIM! THE BABY'S EYES, LOOKING INTO HIS, UNBLINKING!



MY IMAGINATION IS RUNNING AWAY WITH ME! THE THOUGHTS I HAVE... THEY'RE NEITHER INTELLIGENT NOR WHOLESOME! MARTHA PROBABLY DUSTED THE LIBRARY AND REARRANGED THE BOOKS, AND NOW CAN'T REMEMBER!

BUT JIM COULDN'T SHED THE THOUGHTS THAT WRITHED LIKE SNAKES IN HIS MIND! THAT NIGHT HE COULDN'T SLEEP! HE TOSSED, WAS RESTLESS... THEN HE HEARD THE THUMPING NOISE...



QUIETLY, SO AS NOT TO WAKE MARTHA, HE AROSE AND TIPTOED INTO THE BABY'S ROOM! A STRAY SLIVER OF MOONBEAM TOUCHED THE CRIB...

EMPTY! BUT HE CAN'T WALK... COULDN'T CLIMB OUT OF THE CRIB! WHERE COULD HE BE?

FRANTICALLY, JIM BEGAN HIS SEARCH! THE KITCHEN, THE LIVING ROOM, THE DEN, THE ENCLOSED PORCH BEHIND THE BABY'S ROOM...

WHERE IS HE? I'VE SEARCHED EVERY ROOM!

JIM'S EYES SWUNG TO THE WINDOW THAT SEPARATED THE BABY'S ROOM FROM THE PORCH, AND HE SAW THE CRIB... AND THE BABY IN IT, APPARENTLY FAST ASLEEP!

AM I GOING CRAZY? HE LOOKS AS THOUGH HE'S BEEN THERE ALL THE TIME! BUT I'M SURE THE CRIB WAS EMPTY BEFORE!

HIS MIND WAS IN A WHIRL! HE WALKED DOWNSTAIRS, WENT INTO THE LIBRARY TO HAVE A SMOKE AND QUIET HIS SCREAMING NERVES...

THOSE BOOKS... THEY WEREN'T LIKE THAT WHEN I WENT TO BED!

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YES, DR. HINTON WOULD COME!

YOU DON'T KNOW HOW I APPRECIATE THIS! I'VE *GOT* TO GET AN AUTHORITATIVE OPINION!

WITHIN THE HOUR, DR. HINTON ARRIVED...

THE NURSERY'S AT THE HEAD OF THE STAIRS! I DON'T WANT MARTHA AWAKENED!

I UNDERSTAND, JIM! YOU WAIT DOWN HERE! I WANT TO MAKE THESE TESTS BY MYSELF! IT WON'T TAKE LONG!

IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG... BUT TO JIM IT SEEMED LIKE TORMENTED YEARS HAD PASSED BEFORE HE HEARD THE FOOTSTEPS OF DR. HINTON...

WELL?

YES...THE CHILD *IS* DIFFERENT! THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT POWERS HE HAS OR HOW HE WILL USE THEM!

YOU MEAN, HE'S DANGEROUS?

EXACTLY! AND YOU MUST NOT THINK OF HIM AS A BABY! HE PROBABLY POSSESSES POWERS WHICH WE CAN'T EVEN DREAM OF! I'M GOING TO ROUND UP THE BEST BRAINS IN THE COUNTRY AND WE'LL BE BACK TO FIGURE HOW TO HANDLE THIS!

WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S THE MATTER, DOCTOR HINTON?

THE DOCTOR WAS *DEAD*... JUST LIKE THAT! DAZED, JIM FELT FOR HEARTBEAT, PULSE... THEN A STIRRING IN THE UPSTAIRS WINDOW BROUGHT HIS HEAD UP...

THE BABY! HIS EYES... LIKE LAMPS... LIKE KNIVES! HE KILLED HINTON WITH HIS EYES! HE DOESN'T WANT HIS SECRET KNOWN!

LIKE A MADMAN, JIM RACED UP THE STAIRS TOWARD THE NURSERY! NO LONGER WAS THE THING IN THE CRIB A BABY TO HIM! NOW IT WAS A DEADLY MENACE TO HIM... TO CIVILIZATION! AS HE SLAMMED THROUGH THE DOOR, A BOOK FELL FROM THE CRIB...

YOU... YOU...!

NORMAL CHILD BEHAVIOR

THE BIG EYES OF THE CHILD TURNED TO HIM! HE STOPPED AS THOUGH HE'D RUN INTO AN INVISIBLE WALL! SUDDENLY A TORRENT SEEMED TO RUSH THROUGH HIS BRAIN, WASHING, FLOATING AWAY FACTS... THEN HE RELAXED AND GREAT PUZZLEMENT CAME TO HIM...

JIM, WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN BABY'S ROOM?

I-I DON'T KNOW! I FEEL AS THOUGH I'VE BEEN WALKING IN MY SLEEP! I THINK I CAME HERE FOR SOME REASON BUT... I'VE FORGOTTEN WHAT IT IS NOW!

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THE BABY GURGLED, WRINKLED ITS FACE AND CRIED, THEN SIGHED AND SLEPT!

THAT'S THE FIRST TIME HE'S CRIED OR GURGLED THAT WAY! HE'S SUCH A GOOD BABY!

"NORMAL CHILD BEHAVIOR"! NOW WHAT WOULD I BE READING *THAT* FOR?

THEY WERE SO HAPPY WITH THEIR BABY! AND IN THE DARKNESS OF THE NURSERY THE CHILD LAY... HUGE, BURNING EYES OPEN, AND ON ITS FACE A GRIN OF... WOULD YOU CALL IT EVIL? HOW COULD IT BE? HE'S JUST A BABY!

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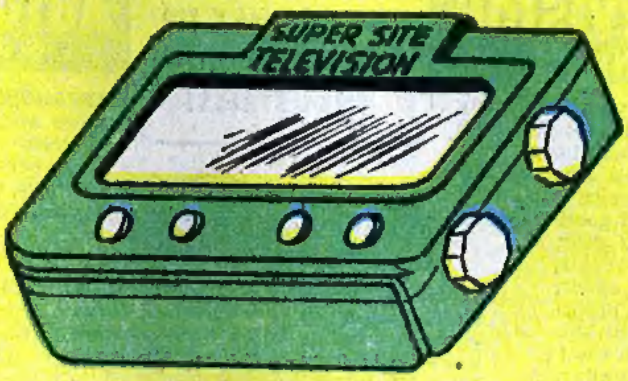

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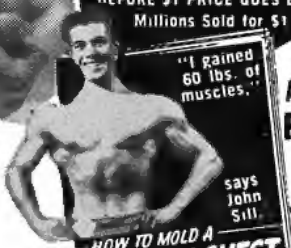

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A Ready-to-Fly

Nothing to build. Just attach wings, light fuse and away it goes. Flies 500 ft. high. Comes complete with engine and jet fuel

FULL SIZE UKULELE

plus Arthur Godfrey's famous "push button" player. Both given with complete instruction and song booklet.

OVER 70 GREAT PRIZES TO CHOOSE FROM

Those shown here plus Walkie Talkie, Walking Doll, Two-Gun Holster Set, Pocket Watch, Simplex Typewriter, Football, Dresser Set, Daisy Training Rifle, Pearls, Knapsack, Roller Skates, Moccasin Kit, Pup Tent, Rhinestone Necklace, Sports Kit, Electric Jeep, Phonograph Records, Jr. Guitar, Printing Press, Shoulder Strap Bag, Boomerangs, Bird Clock, Umbrella, Camp "Cookit" Kit, Electric Games, many more.

Send Coupon for Free Prize Book

GRALETT WRIST WATCH
For Boys and Girls

A guaranteed watch Handsome Chromium case, unbreakable crystal, genuine leather strap. This attractive wrist watch is given without cost.

I'M "UNCLE" HARRY

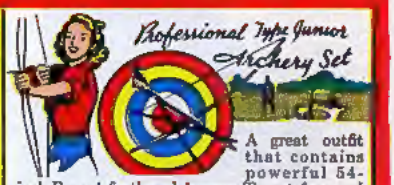
I Will Send You PRIZES Like These

WITHOUT ONE CENT OF COST

COMPLETE WOODBURNING SET

Woodburning Set contains 3 metal tips, 8 wood plaques, metallic foil, paints, brush. Guaranteed, with complete instructions.

I have been helping boys and girls get prizes and earn money for 36 years. Shown here are just a few of the wonderful Prizes you can get without a cent of cost for selling my famous Christmas Packs. Any of these prizes or your choice of over 50 others shown in my Free Prize Book are given for selling just one order of 24 Christmas Packs at 25c a pack. Many boys and girls sell the Packs in one day and get their prizes at once.



A great outfit that contains powerful 54-inch Bow, 4 feathered Arrows, Target face and complete instructions.

Official-Size • Official-Weight BASKETBALL

Sturdy valve-type ball. For indoor or outdoor use.

Hurry—Be First in Your Neighborhood

It's easy to sell these Christmas Packs to your family, friends and neighbors. Each Pack contains 4 Christmas Cards, 4 Envelopes and 32 Sparkling Christmas Seals—40 pieces for 25c—a big value. They're so gay and bright—they sell on sight. When sold, send me the money and choose your prize from my Free Prize Book. Or, keep $2.00 in cash for each 24 pack order you sell.

Send No Money—I Trust You

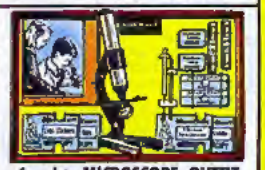
Paste coupon on postcard or mail in envelope to AMERICAN SPECIALTY CO., DEPT. 6, LANCASTER, PENNA.

ACRO FLASH CAMERA with Film

This swell outfit includes Camera, Flash Gun and free Film. Has Graf Lens. Takes pictures black and white or color. Makes beautiful enlargements.

Here it is—THE GOLDEN TRUMPET

Heavy gold-plated, over 13" long. Play bugle calls, marches and songs without lessons. Case and instructions included.



Complete MICROSCOPE OUTFIT

A precision-built Microscope Outfit. Has 60 power optical lens, slide glass and specimens. Don't miss this great outfit.

Read What Wiley Johnson (Age 9) Says:

"Boy, when I look at all the prizes I got . . . a sports kit, axe and knife set, cookit set, knapsack, kombo knife, flashlight and frontier rifle, I can hardly believe it. Everybody liked your cards; I sold six orders in less than two weeks."

PRETTY TRAVEL CASE

Overnight Case with removable tray. Has mirror, lock and key.

GOLD-PLATED LOCKET SET

Pretty necklace with matching expansion bracelet, both gold plated. Each locket opens and holds two photographs.

AIR CHAMP RADIO KIT

A genuine crystal radio. Build it. Use it. Listen to your favorite radio program.

Here is What Maude Scott Says:

"It is fun and easy to sell your Christmas Packs. Everyone really liked them and they sold fast. I have orders for more. The prizes . . . and the extra money came in handy, too."

RANGER AXE 'n' KNIFE KIT

An all-purpose Axe 'n' Knife Kit in double leather belt sheath. Axe and knife made of tough carbon steel. Great kit for outdoors.

CHEMCRAFT CHEMISTRY SET

Amaze your friends with "Chemical Magic." You can perform eye-opening feats of chemical magic with this exciting new Chemcraft Chemistry Set. Magic book and instructions included free.

MAIL THIS—Send No Money

"Uncle" Harry Bard, AMERICAN SPECIALTY CO.
DEPT. 6, LANCASTER, PENNA.

Please send me your BIG PRIZE BOOK and one order of 24 Christmas Packs. I will resell them at 25c each, send you the money and choose my prize.

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____